

LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, May 26, 2020

At 7:00 PM Chairman Jeff Prinster called the meeting to order. Eric Brown, Linda Weber, and Chuck Nelson were present for the board.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Jeff Prinster thanked everyone for saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Jeff Prinster said that there will be a change in the way the minutes are handled; each board member is emailed a copy of the minutes as well as a printed copy will be provided at the following board meeting for everyone to review. Any corrections will be made at the end of the meeting. He asked all present to review the April minutes. Chairman Jeff Prinster asked for clarification on what sample buckets are. Brian explained it was samples provided by the company as it was on back order. Chairman Jeff Prinster also asked if under calls if the percentages should be included. Chief Brian Lurvey explained that during the pandemic they have not been supplying the percentages but they did this month.

Linda Weber made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Chuck Nelson seconded that. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Prinster wanted to take a minute to thank Kemitt White for being in attendance and asked that he joined us as much as possible. Jeff Prinster noted that Kemitt White is an outstanding person. Jeff Prinster also thanked Becky White for bringing him. Becky advised they are still living at his father's home and their house is still being remodeled.

Chairman Jeff Prinster said he was saddened to hear about a favored member of the public suffered a health issue. Linda Weber said that Rick Weber is an outstanding patient and is walking four miles a day and starting next week he gets to start doing dishes. It was asked to extend our best to him.

Update of Jamin. Saw him last week and he is doing okay.

OLD BUSINESS

Swearing in of new board members

Chairman Jeff Prinster asked Wayne DeGesualdo to stand, raise his right hand and repeat the oath of office. Wayne DeGesualdo repeated the oath aloud and then signed his oath of office.

Chairman Jeff Prinster asked Linda Weber to stand, raise her right hand and repeat the oath of office. Linda Weber repeated the oath of office aloud and then signed her oath of office.

Chairman Jeff Prinster signed both Linda Weber's and Wayne DeGesualdo's oath of office. Chairman Jeff Prinster thanked Linda Weber and Wayne DeGesualdo and said that he was glad to have them aboard as new directors. Rich Phillips also said the public is glad they are aboard.

Approval and signing of Stacy Cox's contract for board assistant

Chairman Jeff Prinster asked everyone to look over the contract. Stacy explained Chairman Jeff Prinster has the only copy but the board was provided with a copy in their email. Chairman Jeff Prinster said thank you for putting the contract together.

Chairman Jeff Prinster signed Stacy's contract, passed it to Eric Brown, Chuck Nelson, Wayne DeGesualdo, and Linda Weber for each to sign. Linda Weber said that Stacy needs to sign it and file it. The contract was passed to Stacy to sign and file. We are pleased that the contract has been approved and signed off.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections of Officers

Each person gets one vote for a total of five votes.

Linda Weber advised the board on each position available and the role of each position:

Chairman is to run the meeting and sign any documents that are required.

Vice-Chairman is to run the meeting and sign any documents required if the Chairman is not available to fulfill their duties.

Board Secretary is responsible for maintaining documents associated with the board.

Treasurer is responsible for creating a budget, creating monthly treasurer's reports, tracking income and expenses.

At Large Board Member serves as a liaison to the general membership and to fire protection district board, and fulfill any board requirements when needed.

Chairman Jeff Prinster asked what a quorum is for Lands End. Linda Weber advised that a quorum is three board members.

Chairman Jeff Prinster asked if anyone wanted to put their name in the hat for Chairman. No one volunteered so Chairman Jeff Prinster put his name in the hat. All five board members voted in favor of Chairman Jeff Prinster continuing as Chairman.

Chairman Jeff Prinster called for volunteers to put their names in the hat for the position of Vice-Chairman and asked Eric Brown if he was interested to continue as Vice-Chairman. Eric Brown agreed he was interested and willing to stay on as Vice-Chairman. There were no other volunteers. All five board members voted in favor of Eric Brown staying on as Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Jeff Prinster called for volunteers to put their names in the hat for the position of Board Secretary and asked if Chuck Nelson was interested and willing to stay on as Board Secretary. Chuck Nelson agreed he was interested and willing to stay on as Board Secretary and there were no other volunteers. All five board members voted in favor of Chuck Nelson staying on a Board Secretary.

Chairman Jeff Prinster explained Kemitt White was the board treasurer until medical issues prevented him from performing in that capacity and has term-limited out of that position leaving it open. Linda Weber has been serving as interim Board Treasurer. Chairman Jeff Prinster asked Linda Weber if she is willing to continue as board treasurer and if there were any other volunteers for it. No other volunteers came forward. All five board members voted that Linda Weber continue as Board Treasurer.

Member at Large, no one has been in that position. Chairman Jeff Prinster-asked if Wayne DeGesualdo would like to fill this position. He explained that he would need to know all the chairs' positions and be able to fill in if needed. Chairman Jeff Prinster asked if anyone else would like to take that position. No one else volunteered. All five members voted that that Wayne DeGesualdo fill the position of Member at Large.

Treasurer's report

Linda Weber advised the board that we have received about 50% of the taxes that was budgeted for this year already, so not sure if we will see a big decrease in tax revenue due to COVID-19.

We have started seeing money come in from the new ambulance billing group.

501 is over due to decon equipment and spray for COVID-19, PPE dryer that the volunteers are building, and the Air Compressor.

Propane is also over because we have to prepay for it to get it at a lower cost.

Waste Management will pick up the dumpster on June 1st and we will change to Commercial Refuge.

801 equipment is the bracket for the drop tank pool and the radio grant.

Chief's Report

Personnel:

Two members have turned in their resignation letter: Jaxson Gardner is now busy with his job and David Ray is working out of the area and has no time to dedicate to the station right now. David did share that he had a 28 year career in the military and with that background, he liked Sam and Shawn as the trainers and believes they are doing a great job.

Training:

Sam Craven said VIS Driver training went well and would trust most of them to respond while driving the department's equipment. Medical training

finishing up tonight. We will be starting on Wildland Fire training next week. Chairman Jeff Prinster asked where they were working on wildland fire training. Sam said that they will cut fire lines here at the station and that he is working on permits to do face cutting on BLM land.

East End Co-Op:

Sam said they attended a meeting with the east side fire stations. They talked about working together to help each other which could be automatic mutual aid, bulk purchasing of supplies, medication or gear, group training, or similar training. The Co-Op is trying to figure out how to best serve the public cohesively. The point of contact is one person from each station. Palisade was having personal issues and asked Clifton for help with the issues which brought about this group. Linda Weber asked if this has anything to do with combining all departments, the answer was no. Wayne DeGesualdo asked about standard training across the departments and Chief Lurvey advised no that Palisade and Clifton do their own Fire One class but we send a couple of our people to their classes when we can. Chief Lurvey also explained about the new training center in our area. Chairman Jeff Prinster asked how Central Orchard Mesa fit into the Co-Op. IT was advised that East Orchard Mesa and Palisade have always worked together. Jeff asked what territory Central Orchard Mesa has. It encompasses east of 30 Road to 35 ½ Road and from the river south to Hwy 50. Rich Phillips asked if the protocol for EMTs are the same in each district, the answer was yes. Eric Brown asked if taxpayers would know or have a say in the mutual aid. Chief Brian Lurvey said, yes, but we get more than we give. It was explained Grand Junction, helps us with calls but they have used our ambulance before and SBA bottles for training. Shawn Cox advised the Co-Op is something that will allow us to give back and give to those around us when in need. Chief Brian Lurvey did say he had reservations and he wants to make sure it is beneficial to all of those that we serve. Rich Phillips asked if we have a chance to help Grand Junction with calls. Chief Brian Lurvey said yes we have responded with the tender.

Whitewater Cemetery:

Chairman Jeff Prinster asked Rich Phillips about the Whitewater Cemetery and how things are going there. Rich Phillips said they had the biggest funeral in a while last Wednesday with about 75 cars and 100 people. It was a great funeral as Grandma Reeves passed away. Larry Hicks

decorated around the flag pole with MIA flags for Memorial Day. He also placed dog tags on a cross. It was reported that no more vandalism has taken place since the cemetery put up a fence. They have had the addition of a couple of new members. They have 14 vets and put flags on all their graves. The association appreciates using Lands End Station for their meetings. Meeting here is like home, so thank you.

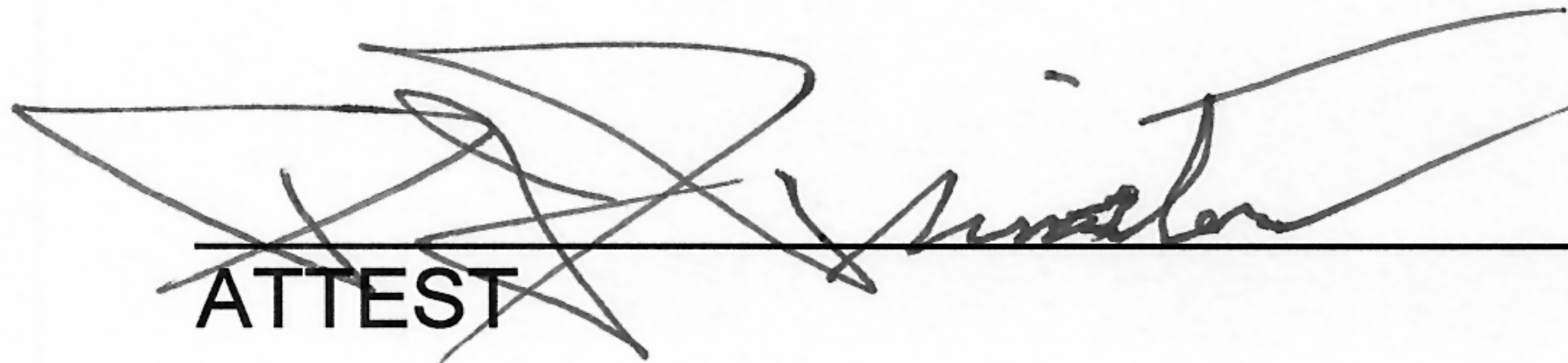
Motion to Adjourn

Eric Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne DeGesualdo seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next Board Meeting is June 23, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Cox, Board/Fire Chief Assistant
Lands End Fire Protection District



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